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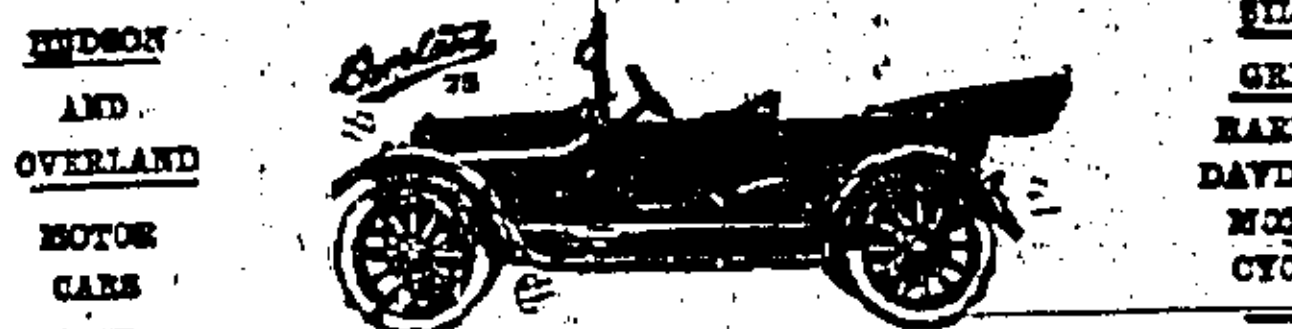
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## THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**STRIKES EXTENDING IN  
AUSTRIA.**

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 21.  
The Lokaleiniger reports growing  
strikes in Austria.

There were big demonstrations at  
Vienna, the crowds blocking the  
traffic.

The labour organ Arbeiter Zeitung,  
appeals to the food workers and the  
railway men not to strike, because  
that would only add to the distress.

**SPREADING LIKE WILD FIRE.**

ZURICH, Jan. 21.  
The latest reports show that the  
strikes in Austria and Hungary are  
spreading like wildfire.

A general strike began at Budapest  
on Friday morning, the entire railway  
tram and underground services being  
stopped and 31 meetings were held  
in the afternoon in different parts of  
the City.

There is shortage of food and the  
shops are closed.

The public is not allowed in the  
streets after six o'clock in the evening.

The number of strikers in Vienna is  
estimated at 100,000 but so far there  
have been no disturbances.

The Arbeiter Zeitung has issued a  
manifesto which warns the Government  
that the working classes can only be  
pacified if they are assured that peace  
negotiations will not be frustrated  
through territorial demands. The  
Labourites also insist on being consulted  
in the negotiations with unwonted  
outspokenness, which perhaps accounts  
for the vitriolic comments by the  
German newspapers regarding the  
situation in Austria.

The Arbeiter Zeitung says: "After 40  
months of war and privations, the hopes  
of peace appeared when from Bres-  
t-Litovsk General Hoffmann's sub-ratting  
speech. The masses fear that peace  
depends upon the militarists in Berlin,  
and that normal conditions can only be  
resumed when the Government has  
shown it has heard the voice of Labour  
and speedily concludes peace."

The fact that the Austrian Censor  
has allowed this to be published seems  
to indicate that the Vienna Govern-  
ment is not altogether displeased with  
the Labour rising.

**THE DARDANELLES  
FIGHT.**

KITCHENER'S NEPHEW IN  
COMMAND OF "RAGLAN."

LONDON, Jan. 21.

The monitor Raglan which was  
sunk in the Dardanelles action was  
commanded by Viscount Broome, a  
nephew of the late Lord Kitchener,  
and heir to the title.

Both monitors appear to be of the  
small gun type.

Experts are of the opinion that the  
Goeben and the Breslau were prob-  
ably attempting to break out and  
were going to join the Austrians in  
the Adriatic Sea, reversing the order  
of the dash from Messina to the  
Dardanelles, in 1914.

**THE CHAOS IN RUSSIA.**

PERSONAL AMBITIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

As was expected, the Bolsheviks  
made short work of the Constituent  
Assembly when they found them-  
selves hopelessly outvoted.

The Government took every step  
to overawe their opponents and field  
guns flanked the entrances to the  
Assembly Building and machine-  
guns were much in evidence, while  
firing in the streets punctuated  
the proceedings. Nevertheless, the  
majority defied the Government,  
despite the lavish display of  
bayonets.

The irony of the whole situation  
is that both sides have practically  
identical programmes but personal  
ambitions make an impassable gulf  
in the road to agreement.

It is expected that the Constituent  
Assembly will soon be followed by a  
National Convention, elected by the  
Soviets.

The Red Guards are confiscating  
and burning the premises of anti-  
Bolshevik newspapers, wholesale.

**RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE  
NEGOTIATIONS.**

AGREEMENT WITH UKRAINE TO  
TERMINATE THE WAR.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 21.

An agreement has been reached at  
Brastitovsk between the Central  
Powers and Ukraine under which the  
war will terminate and both parties  
will immediately resume economic  
relations.

The delegates will consult their  
respective Governments prior to the  
ratification of the first peace treaty.

The telegram does not mention the  
Peace terms.

**THE WESTERN FRONT.**

PATROL ENCOUNTERS.

LONDON, Jan. 21.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports that a few prisoners have been  
taken in patrol encounters.

**THE CAMBRAI INQUIRY.**

LONDON, Jan. 21.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar  
Law stated that all documents con-  
nected with the Cambrai inquiry were  
submitted to the War Cabinet, at whose  
request General Smuts went through  
them. General Smuts' Report was ap-  
proved by the Cabinet and was not  
subject to revision by Lord Derby or  
any member of the Army Council.  
The decision not to publish the result  
of the inquiry was taken by the War  
Cabinet.

**THE SILVER MARKET.**

LONDON, Jan. 19.

The Silver Market is quiet.

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## To-day's Advertisements

**G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.**

THE Undersigned have received instructions from The Hon. Capt. SURY, of Police to sell by Public Auction, on

**SATURDAY,**  
the 25th January, 1918, at 11 a.m.,  
At The Central Police Station,  
CONDEMNED and CONFISCATED  
GOODS.

Terms:—as usual.  
**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
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Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1918.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on account of THE CONGRESSIONAL,

**FRIDAY,**  
the 25th January, 1918, at 10.30 a.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Lee House Street,  
4,300 DUTCH CIGARS  
Packed in hermetically sealed tins,  
to be sold in small lots.  
A consignment of  
GENT'S STRAW HATS,  
And  
Several cases "HEATHER DEW"  
SCOTCH WHISKY,  
OLD BROWN BERRY, &c.  
Terms:—Cash.

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ONE HARLEY-DAVIDSON  
MOTOR BICYCLE  
—9 H.P. Electric Model 1916, in perfect  
working order complete with span  
battery tools, etc.  
Terms:—as usual.

**HUGHES & HOUGH,**  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1918.

## THE CALENDAR.

**MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.**  
2 p.m.—Court Cards at the Theatre.

## GENERAL MEMORANDA.

**SATURDAY, Jan. 23.**  
3.30 p.m.—Formal opening of Tiam Tuk Reservoir.  
4 p.m.—Distribution of Prizes at St. Joseph's College.  
**MONDAY, Jan. 25.**  
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Members of St. George's Society.  
**TUESDAY, Jan. 26.**  
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.  
Company Meetings:—  
11.30 a.m.—West Point Building Co.  
11.45—Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.  
12 noon—Hongkong Land Investment Co.  
12.15 p.m.—Hongkong Land Reclamation Co.  
**WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27.**  
Noon—Prize-giving at the Diocesan School by H. E. The Governor.  
**THURSDAY, Feb. 1.**  
Noon—Prize-giving at Belknap Public School.  
**FRIDAY, Feb. 2.**  
6.15 p.m.—Concert at Theatre Royal by A. Mirvich and M. Pastry.  
**SATURDAY, Feb. 3.**  
12 noon—Prize-giving at St. Joseph's College.  
**SUNDAY, Feb. 4.**  
Prize-giving at St. Joseph's College.

## DEATHS.

**GRIMES.**—On January 15, 1918, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, MARY SOPHIA ADELIN GRIMES, of the Victoria Nursing Home, aged 39 years.

**WATT.**—Died of wounds as prisoner of war in Palestine between October 1 and 7, 1917, 2nd Lieutenant KENNETH MURRAY WATT, Bedfordshire Regiment, beloved son of the late R. D. Watt, Shanghai, and Mrs. Watt, Capri, Burkhamsted.

**WOODLEY.**—On December 21, 1917, at Fochow, Matthew Woodley, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, JAN. 22, 1918.

## THE DARDANIELS ACTION.

THE news that the Turkish-German cruiser *Breslau* has been destroyed and the armoured cruiser *Goeben* has been heavily damaged and beached in the Narrows of the Dardanelles is an interesting bit of intelligence, especially because of the important part these ships have played in the war. It will be remembered that these two powerful ships took refuge in the Dardanelles from the British ships in pursuit shortly after the war broke out in 1914. Turkey at that time stood neutral, and the majority of the Turkish Ministry and people were regarded as friendly towards the Entente Powers. They asked for assurances from England, France and Russia, that in the event of Turkey remaining neutral, the independence and integrity of the Empire should be guaranteed, and such assurances were formally given. But Germany was all the while making desperate efforts through a subsidized Press and a shower of gold to persuade the Turkish people that England was the enemy against whom they had to guard. The most powerful weapon in the hands of the German Ambassador was the conduct of the British Government in exercising the undoubted right of pre-emption over two powerful ships which had been built in England for the Turks. These new ships had been bought by popular subscription, to which every Turkish subject is said to have contributed either voluntarily or under compulsion, as a measure of protection against the growing navy of Greece. There is no doubt that the disappointment of the Turks was intense, at these ships being taken over by Great Britain, and the arrival of the *Breslau* and *Goeben* at Constantinople turned the scale. The majority of the Turkish Ministry as well as the British Embassy claimed that, in accordance with international law, these ships should be dismantled and their crews taken out and interned. This German, strongly supported by Enver Pasha, resisted this claim, and finally the British Government yielded to the request of the Porte that the crews of the vessels might remain on board until the men who had been sent to England to navigate the two pre-empted vessels returned to Turkey. The promise to land the men was never kept. Indeed, the German Admiral on the *Goeben* is said to have threatened to blow the Porte down about the heads of its occupants if any attempt were made to take the crew out. By the end

of September the Dardanelles had been completely closed, and the Fleet, including the *Goeben* and *Breslau*, was under German Naval officers, who soon succeeded in forcing Turkey into the war by bombarding the two Russian ports of Odessa and Theodosia. The *Goeben* and the *Breslau* have during the past three years figured several times in reports of Naval activity in the Black Sea, and, as one chronicler of the war puts it, "it printed report could be trusted, the *Goeben* has been sunk several times, dismantled and converted into a hospital ship." Such reports contribute to the surprise which today's news occasion. It is highly probable that the two ships were making a dash for the Adriatic, and the defeat of this enterprise by the British forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles is obviously an important success. We are not told in the communiqué what British ships were engaged besides the two monitors which were sunk, nor does the brief message tell us whether the monitors were "bunk" by the German cruisers or by shore batteries. Nagara Point, where the *Goeben* is beached, is at the extreme northern end of the Narrows, and it is very probable that she was pursued up the Narrows by monitors which would thus come under the guns of the batteries, not to mention the possibility of their striking mines.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G. is to present the prizes at Ellis Kadoorie School on February 4th.

A paragraph in recent London papers states that Chinese associations in Washington have sent £120,000 in cash to the Revolutionary Government in Southern China.

We are asked to state that ticket 150 won the doll and chair and ticket 59 won the junior cooking stove raffled in aid of St. Dunstan's Home for Blindfold Soldiers and Sailors.

The S.S. China is due to arrive here tomorrow morning at 7.30 a.m. and will sail again for San Francisco on Sunday, January 27th at noon, instead of January 26th.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Wong Chak Man ..... \$20

In the Defence Corps Orders relating to B. Co. a blurred figure 5 in the type-written copy has been mistaken for a 6. We are asked to say that the Order for Thursday 24th inst. at 4.30 p.m. is to No. 5 Platoon.

The Chinese Press at Tientsin recently reported the outbreak in the Tientsin Native City of a disease which was called "winter plague." It is now ascertained that this so-called "winter plague" has been diagnosed as scarlet fever.

The 22nd list of subscriptions to the War Charities Fund, which we will publish tomorrow, shows a total of \$19,578.46. The amount already acknowledged brings the total to \$684,081.13. The balance in hand is \$40,595.08.

The Japanese authorities inquired into the rumour that bubonic plague had broken out at Fuchien (the Chinese Quarter of Harbin). The rumour has been officially contradicted by the Japanese Consulate General and the Red Cross Medical Relief Station at Fuchien.

The Union Church Guild meets tomorrow at 9 p.m. in the Lecture Hall, Kennedy Road, when the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn delivers his second Lecture on British Malaya, the subject being "Forty Years' Progress in British Malaya." The lecture is open to the public.

## HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

The approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending 18th January is as follows:—

	Receipts for week	Aggregate Receipts for 3 weeks
This year	15,271	36,882
Last year	12,941	27,480
Decrease	2,330	9,402

SENSATIONAL AFFAIR  
IN HONGKONG.ARMED GANG HOLD THE POLICE FORCE  
AT BAY.TWO POLICE OFFICERS KILLED AND OTHERS  
WOUNDED.

An extraordinary sensational affair has been taking place in Gresson Street, Queen's Road East, since about 10 o'clock this morning and has carried on until about 8 o'clock, reminding one of nothing so much as the famous Sydney Street affair in London some years ago.

It appears that the police organized a raid for armed robbers in the harbour at four o'clock this morning, and the culprits eventually sought refuge in what is assumed to be a regular robbers' lair at No. 6, Gresson Street, which is a turning off Queen's Road East. Here in the house the desperadoes stood at bay, and then followed one of the most extraordinary scenes the Colony has possibly ever witnessed. Posted at all points of vantage were police officials, foreign constables, Indian constables and members of the Police Reserve, armed with rifles, revolvers and automatic pistols, who kept up a continuous fire at the room on the first floor in which the robbers were supposed to be located. The desperadoes did not hesitate to return the fire and for several hours a veritable fusillade was kept up.

There seemed to be no lack of ammunition and arms in the robber stronghold judging by the manner in which the police fire was returned.

## A MAN SHOT.

Sergeant "Kid" Marriott of the Naval Yard Police accounted for one of the Chinese. He was sleeping at his house at the time and was aroused by the firing. Getting up he asked his wife what was the matter. Mrs. Marriott looking out of her window saw an armed man running away. She called out "armed robbers." The man hearing her cry turned round and shot at her, but the bullet fortunately missed her. Kid Marriott, quickly getting into his shoes, armed himself with his rifle and ran into the street. He called out to the man to stop, but the latter continued running and turning round, tried a shot at him. He dodged and kneeling down took a steady aim at the man, catching him full in the back just as he was about to jump into the Italian Convent from Ship Street. The man had three revolvers—two tied to his wrist and a third in his hand.

## TWO POLICE OFFICERS SHOT.

Earlier in the morning, Inspector O'Sullivan and Sergeant Clark had gone into the house and as time went on, they did not reappear, anxiety was acute. Unfortunately, these two brave officers were, later, seen from the verandah of a house on the opposite side of the street, to be lying on the floor of the room apparently dead. This considerably hampered operations as it was thought they might only be wounded, and such methods as setting fire to the house or attempting to rush the place could not be put into operation.

Meanwhile, the firing was kept up from the corner of Gresson Street and Queen's Road, from the houses opposite, and, in fact, from every possible point where a clear view could be obtained.

It is stated that an Indian constable was killed, and another shot in the thigh, and a Chinese constable was wounded.

## ANOTHER CASUALTY.

The next victim was Sergeant B. Willis, who had gone up a side alley and who received a bullet in his thigh. He was immediately taken on an ambulance to the hospital, but it is believed he is not dangerously hurt.

The next move on the part of the authorities was to attempt to get the robbers to surrender by playing the fire hose through a window, on the room in which they were supposed to be, but this idea was found to be impracticable and was abandoned.

## A COUNCIL OF WAR.

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The scene throughout the morning and afternoon was one of indescribable excitement. Vast crowds had gathered and as the firing went on all sorts of wild rumours were circulated. At about two o'clock, some men and also some women came out of No. 6, Gresson Street. As they came out of the door, the men held up their hands and were hurriedly searched and then taken into custody. One of these men appeared to be a Japanese, but it has not yet been disclosed as to whether they had taken part in the affray or not. Later on, a rumour went round that the desperadoes had knocked a hole in the wall of the second floor of No. 6, Gresson Street, which gave them the run of two houses, but this again is conjecture.

There seemed to be no lack of ammunition and arms in the robber stronghold judging by the manner in which the police fire was returned.

## A MAN SHOT.

Sergeant "Kid" Marriott of the Naval Yard Police accounted for one of the Chinese. He was sleeping at his house at the time and was aroused by the firing. Getting up he asked his wife what was the matter. Mrs. Marriott looking out of her window saw an armed man running away. She called out "armed robbers." The man hearing her cry turned round and shot at her, but the bullet fortunately missed her. Kid Marriott, quickly getting into his shoes, armed himself with his rifle and ran into the street. He called out to the man to stop, but the latter continued running and turning round, tried a shot at him. He dodged and kneeling down took a steady aim at the man, catching him full in the back just as he was about to jump into the Italian Convent from Ship Street. The man had three revolvers—two tied to his wrist and a third in his hand.

## TWO POLICE OFFICERS SHOT.

Earlier in the morning, Inspector O'Sullivan and Sergeant Clark had gone into the house and as time went on, they did not reappear, anxiety was acute. Unfortunately, these two brave officers were, later, seen from the verandah of a house on the opposite side of the street, to be lying on the floor of the room apparently dead. This considerably hampered operations as it was thought they might only be wounded, and such methods as setting fire to the house or attempting to rush the place could not be put into operation.

Meanwhile, the firing was kept up from the corner of Gresson Street and Queen's Road, from the houses opposite, and, in fact, from every possible point where a clear view could be obtained.

It is stated that an Indian constable was killed, and another shot in the thigh, and a Chinese constable was wounded.

## ANOTHER CASUALTY.

The next victim was Sergeant B. Willis, who had gone up a side alley and who received a bullet in his thigh. He was immediately taken on an ambulance to the hospital, but it is believed he is not dangerously hurt.

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## CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

## SECOND DAY.

The Criminal Sessions were resumed this morning, before Sir William Ross, Davies K.C., Chief Justice.

His Lordship delivered judgment in the case in which Fung Nam Wing, Ku Lo, Fung Yang Fong, Lam, Fo Tuk Fung Tak and Wong Kin Yak were charged with robbery with violence.

The first, fifth and sixth accused who pleaded not guilty were discharged, on the jurors' verdict of not guilty, while the second, third and fourth accused were found guilty. Asked if they had anything to say the accused stated that they had been involved into the trouble by other people. Had they not pleaded guilty of the offence they would have been beaten by the police.

His Lordship:—That is all nonsense, because the other three men pleaded not guilty and largely on account of your evidence they have been acquitted.

The accused: We had to plead guilty because we had no evidence to produce.

His Lordship:—You pleaded guilty to this offence. It is a very bad case. The only thing that can be said in your favour is that you went into the witness box and did what you could to obtain the acquittal of the other three men whom I am inclined to think were innocent; at any rate I had no reason to suppose they were not telling the truth. It is perfectly clear that you went in the dead of night and you went to commit a wholesale robbery all round. You attacked two unfortunate women, one of whom has since died we are told, as the result of the fright you put her in. You landed there with all the implements of the burglar and you threatened the women with a chopper and, in order to prevent your being discovered, you hoodwinked yourselves. The sentence of the Court is that you all go to prison for six years with hard labour and receive ten strokes of the cat.

UTTERING A FORGED  
REQUEST.

Cheng Lu Man was charged with uttering a forged request.

The Crown Solicitor prosecuted and the accused was undefended.

The jury were:—Messrs. L. E. S. Hodge, J. W. Mitchell, H. M. da Silva, R. Soonderam, U. Gonella, A. Tucker and J. E. W. Beard.

Outlining the case, the Crown Solicitor said the accused was charged with attempting to negotiate a forged request for \$200 purporting to be an order from the Kwong Ching shop, in Wuchow, to the Sai Kung Hong Ip Company, in Hongkong. A letter was sent to that Company apparently posted in Wuchow, but delivered by a bearer, and obviously sent by the accused in order to make the request appear more genuine. The accused afterwards went to the Tai Kong Hong Ip Company and asked for the money. The manager saw that both the chop and the signature were forged and sent for a detective in whose presence he handed over the money to the accused, who signed a receipt. The accused was thereupon arrested.

Evidence was then led.

## ARRESTS.

It is not known how many men were concerned in the affair. A rumour got about this morning that they were Japanese, but there appears to be no truth in this. The men are stated to be local Chinese. Two are in custody.

It has been ascertained that a Japanese, or a Korean, entered the Majima Hospital this morning with a wounded hand but whether he is connected with the affair could not be ascertained.

## AN ARMED ROBBERY.

We learn that an armed robbery took place in the early hours of the morning on the Praya between Gresson Street and Ship Street, in which a Chinese lime merchant was held up and robbed by a gang of armed robbers. It is not yet known whether this affair had any connection with the Gresson Street episode.

## "NO-DIVIDEND" PATRIOTISM.

The gentleman who wrote recently to the Treasury suggesting for the duration of the war, the interest on his holding of 40,000 Five per Cent. War Loan Stock is Mr. Arthur Lockhart, of Moor Park, Cuckfield, South Wales. During the Five per Cent. War Loan campaign he offered to surrender to the State for his holding of 40,000 of the Five per Cent. War Loan.

## THE MAGISTRACY.

## THE EUROPEAN MURDER CASE.

Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning the case was called in which Private Bloomfield, of the Royal Engineers, is charged with the wilful murder of Sergeant N. G. Johnstone of the Hongkong Police Force on the early morning of the 13th instant in Queen's Road Central.

Mr. Hall, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared on behalf of Mr. E. J. Grist, solicitor for the defence of the prisoner. On his application the case was remanded until next week.

A BUNDLE OF LOTTERY  
TICKETS.

A Chinese pleaded not guilty when charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with being in the unlawful possession of 681 lottery tickets in Queen's Road Central.

A luncheon said that defendant was arrested early this morning. Witness was walking along Queen's Road when he saw defendant who immediately walked away. Witness called defendant back but the latter threw down a parcel containing the lottery tickets and ran away. He was chased and arrested.

Defendant said he was asked by a man to carry them for him.

Sergeant Blackman said there was quite a big business in lottery tickets.

Mr. Dyer Ball fined the defendant \$100 or six weeks' hard labour in default.

THEFT FROM A HOUSE ON  
FIRE.

A Chinese woman was charged by another Chinese woman before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with the theft of a quantity of clothing, money and jewellery to the value of \$263.

Sergeant Blackman stated that the theft related to a fire at Sai Sui recently. While the fire was going on at No. 44 it was alleged that the defendant and another woman who were living at No. 45, took advantage of the confusion and removed two boxes containing the articles mentioned. When tranquillity was restored the owner of the house discovered that two boxes were missing. Being unable to find out who was responsible for the theft, nothing further was done. Yesterday while complainant was passing defendant's door she heard squabbling going on and hearing something said relating to the loss of her two boxes, she went into the house and taxed the defendant with the theft. Defendant admitted being in possession of the articles but repudiated the suggestion of having partaken in the theft. She was, however, arrested.

Mr. Dyer Ball remanded the case until next Tuesday pending further enquiries.

## THEFT OF COPPER.

A Chinese was charged at the Magistracy yesterday morning, with the theft of a quantity of copper from the Taihook Dockyard.

Sergeant Moss stated that the defendant was arrested by an Indian watchman as he was leaving the dock by the gate. He was searched and the pieces of copper were found concealed in his socks. The copper had probably been stolen from the boiler shop.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, was sentenced by Mr. J. B. Wood, to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks in lieu of the last day.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Tudor and Miss Craigie are staying at Government House.

Sir James Stewart-Lockhart and Miss Stewart-Lockhart, who have been the guests of H.E. The Governor, have sailed for the United States of America.

It is reported that because of the death of his eldest daughter, Sir John Jordan, the British Minister, left Peking for the Western Hills last week.

We regret to note the death of Mr. Matthew Woodley, an old and very respected member of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s staff at Fochow.

The death has occurred at Kamakura after an illness lasting some months, of Mr. "Alfred" Scott, who came to Yokohama about fifteen years ago to join the firm of Strauss & Co. (now Strong & Co.). About seven or eight years ago, says the Japan Gazette, Mr. Scott left the firm and proceeded to Yag, in the Caroline Group, where he remained until about six months ago. On his return to Japan he was broken in health and gradually weakening passed away. Deceased, who was forty-five years of age, leaves a widow.



## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## NAVAL ACTION AT DARDANELLES.

"BRESLAU" SUNK. "GOEBEN" BEACHED.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

The Admiralty reports that the *Goeben* and *Breslau* and some destroyers were in action with British forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles, on Sunday morning.

The *Breslau* was sunk and the *Goeben* escaped but was beached, badly damaged, at Nagara Point, in the narrow.

The *Goeben* is now being attacked by British aircraft.

Our losses were the monitor *Raglan* and a small monitor.

The *Goeben* is an armoured cruiser of 20,000 tons displacement, built at Hamburg in 1912. She originally carried ten 11-in. twelve 5.9-in. and twelve 3.4-in. guns. Her speed was 28 knots and her complement 1,113.

The *Breslau* is a cruiser of 4,500 tons, built at Vögtlin and completed in 1912. She carried twelve 4.1-in. guns. Her speed was 27 knots and complement 570.

## THE WESTERN FRONT.

## GENERAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig states there is nothing special to report.

LATER.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

We repulsed a raid south-eastward of Gravelines. We carried out a raid eastward of Hargreaves, taking prisoners. There has been hostile artillery activity at Ypres, Neuve Chapelle and Lens. Aerial observation enabled us to engage many of the hostile batteries.

Our aircraft dropped over 300 bombs on miscellaneous targets, including a large dump at Courtrai. We fired a thousand rounds at enemy trenches, brought down five enemy machines and drove down three out of control. Four of our are missing.

## THE SHAMBLES OF PETROGRAD.

## A STREET EMBLEM.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 19.

It is considered probable that the Bolsheviks and the Maximist members of the Constituent Assembly will proclaim themselves a National Convention.

There were exciting scenes during the debate. One member drew a revolver against the Social Revolutionary leader, Tsereteli, but was disarmed.

There was a recurrence of the shooting on the Lityay Prospect this afternoon when a procession of members of the Constituent Assembly was attacked by a crowd, mainly consisting of sailors. Several people were killed or wounded. The badges and banners carried by the processionists were torn down and burned by the Red Guards.

One soldier carrying a flag remained in the middle of the road and shouted: "I have been two years at the Front. Kill me if you wish." The Red Guards shot him dead.

The processionists included many women, girls, officers, disabled soldiers, students and employees of the Government, the Municipality, and the Banks, who are now on strike.

## AUSTRIAN LABOUR DEMANDS PEACE.

## GERMAN PRESS COMMENT.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 20.

The *Forwards* states that five mass meetings held in Vienna have unanimously passed a resolution that Labour demands, with passionate resoluteness, a general peace and protesting against the systematic misrepresentation of the entire bourgeois Press of the recent speeches of Mr. Lloyd George and President Wilson.

The *Forwards* adds that the resolution was supported not only by Labour but by the mass of the bourgeois.

An article in the *Freidenkblatt* commenting on Austrian sympathy with Dr. Kuchelmann and antagonism to von Baulow has occasioned a fierce comment in a section of the German Press owing to the semi-official character of the *Freidenkblatt*, whose article is described as arrogant and impertinent interference.

The *Deutsche Tageszeitung* says: Hands off, no matter to whom the hands belong.

## HEAVEN'S HELP.

## KAISER'S BLASPHEMOUS SPEECH TO SUBMARINE CREWS.

The "Cologne Gazette" records that the concluding passage of the Kaiser's speech to German U-boat crews on the Adriatic was as follows:

"When I now look in your face I do so with a rock-like conviction that this mission will not rest until the enemy is vanquished. To achieve that, the help of the All Highest is needed, for it goes without saying that such a task is beyond human strength."

Kaiser-Captain Vornsdorff's U-boat has just been able to experience what Heaven's help means. I therefore wish for you that you may subconsciously and bravely fight the enemy, and I pray that the blessings of the Most-High may descend on your aims."

## MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY.

An inquiry was held at the Marine Court this morning into the conduct of Mr. N. G. Major, late Chief Officer (now Captain) of the s.s. *Manapouri*.

Commander Beckwith presided, and the members of the Court comprised of Commander Gibson, R.N., Captain W. Davidson, R.N.R., Captain T. A. Mitchell and Captain B. A. Birs.

The following is the letter in which Mr. Montagu B. Wilson applied for the enquiry:

To the Harbour Master, Hongkong.

Sir—I hereby respectfully beg you to inquire into the conduct of Mr. Major, late chief officer of the s.s. "Manapouri," whereas he on the 12th November, 1917, about 7.50 to 8.30 p.m. did disobey my lawful commands, and did forcibly take command of the above-named vessel from me, inasmuch as he gave an order to the helmsman and to the engine room contrary to my orders and judgment, and did order the helm hard a port and the engines full speed ahead to keep clear of a light three points on the port bow. Mr. Major stating this light to be a mast-head light and a green side light; such being the case, this action would jeopardise the ship and the lives of 600 people on board. Mr. Major disobeyed my helm and engine orders for the space of about ten minutes, after which time he handed me back the command of my ship to me. I am of opinion that the conduct of the Chief Officer, Mr. Major, on this occasion was not only a gross act of insubordination, but also conducive to mutiny. I hereby respectfully beg you, Sir, to hold and enquiry into the same.

(Sd.) MONTAGU B. WILSON.

Mr. Alabaster instructed by Mr. J. W. Gardiner appeared on behalf of Captain Wilson and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton appeared for Mr. N. G. Major.

Captain Wilson, giving evidence, said that on the evening in question the Chief Officer, Mr. Major, sent a chit to him stating he saw a light off Sumatran S.W. by W. He returned to the bridge, saw the light and headed for it. He had a few words with Mr. Major, but they parted quite amicably. Nothing further happened till they reached Hongkong, which was on the 3rd instant. The next day witness was asked by the ship's owners to resign, which he did. From Mr. Major's behaviour there was nothing to indicate that he intended to supersede witness in the ship.

Cross-examined by Mr. Shenton, witness said he considered Mr. Major's conduct a most serious matter, but admitted that he did not note it down in the log book. As for his application for an enquiry, he had no intention at first of applying for it. He was prompted to do so by Mr. Major's conduct in going round the town with his story. The "conduct" of which he complained was "blackening my character" by making charges of drunkenness against him. Furthermore, if witness did nothing, officers of ships might take it into their heads to do as Mr. Major had done.

Mr. Shenton suggested that witness was the worse for liquor on the afternoon of the 12th of November last, and that as a result of the Chief Officer's suggestion to alter the ship's course, which in his opinion was dangerous, witness became excited and threatened to strike him, using abusive language.

Witness denied the suggestions.

Mr. Shenton: I suggest that when the Chief Officer came up to the bridge just after land was pointed out to you by the Second Officer, that he saw you holding on to the starboard rail the worse for drink.

Witness emphatically denied this.

Mr. Shenton: At 5.40 p.m. a light steamer crossed your port bow from starboard to port.

Witness: I don't remember that. The Chief Officer was on duty then.

Mr. Shenton: About 8 p.m. a light was seen on the port?—Yes.

Did you hear the lookout men call out?—No. The Second Officer drew my attention to this light.

Is it true that the Chief Officer was on duty on the bridge from 8 a.m. on the 12th to 2 a.m. on the 13th of November last?—No.

After some further questions the Court adjourned for the fifth interval. The evidence was continued this afternoon.

## DO YOU COUGH?

Don't overstrain the fine membrane of your throat in trying to dislodge phlegm. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will accomplish this for you and cure the cough that is causing it. For sale by all Chemists and Grocers.

## ABOLITION OF "TREATING."

## COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S SUGGESTION.

BANGALORE, Dec. 20.

General H. A. Iggleiden, Commanding the Bangalore Brigade, today held a meeting of civil and military residents to discuss the question of "treating" in reference to the express wish of the Commander-in-Chief, conveyed in the following circular: "The Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that it would be to the advantage of all were the practice of 'treating' at clubs and public places discontinued. He realises that there would be difficulties in this, but he thinks that they could be met by influencing public opinion to regard such a practice as peculiarly unworthy of the nation in a time of war. Some years ago, by mutual consent, bars were abolished in all clubs in one division of the Army. The Commander-in-Chief is of opinion that if a similar arrangement could be concluded in all garrisons stationed in India the practice of 'treating' would disappear." The Hon. Mr. Cobb, General Sir Arthur Phayre, Sir Alfred Bourne, Sir Leslie Millar, Colonel Bourne and many others had written to General Iggleiden approving the effort to abolish the practice in Bangalore.

## BAD FORM.

General Iggleiden said that "treating" had practically ceased in military messes, where it was now considered bad form and was certainly discouraged by commanding officers. But there was need to go beyond those centres if that example was to have any general effect in the cantonments. The problem was beset by more obvious difficulties and the case was not one that could be dealt with by order alone although "treating" was now a public offence in England and punished as such. Many of the letters he had received reflected the opinion that it was not advisable to close down the bars in public places and his own view was that some league for the suppression of the practice by influential example would meet the situation, the members pledging themselves not to "treat" during the period of the war. It was not necessary to say that they would not "treat" their own guests but just to stop "treating" on the well-known "have a drink" principle. If senior officers set their faces against it, leaders of opinion in the station would see the force of such an example and it would soon die out as a very bad form.

## A NON-TREATING LEAGUE.

Many civil and military officers took part in the subsequent discussion and a circular was drawn up outlining the objects of a Bangalore Non-"Treating" League to be subscribed to by all those who were willing during the period of the war to give up "treating" and generally to discourage the practice. It was proposed that the circular be sent to all clubs, institutes and other places with public bars.

Colonel Munn Macle moved an amendment that the subscribers' obligations did not apply to bona fide hosts. He referred to the practice of "standing rounds of drinks" and the signing of "chits" and how badly the habit grew of young officers to whom the facility for obtaining credit in such circumstances was very objectionable.

The motion was carried by twenty-one votes to nine.

## WAR FOR DEMOCRACY.

## LORD BRYCE'S TRIBUTE TO THE GREEK PREMIER.

Mr. Venizelos was entertained to luncheon at the House of Commons by the Allied Parliamentary Committee. Viscount Bryce presided, and in proposing the health of the Greek Minister, said that he did not think that Greece had ever produced a man of greater distinction than Mr. Venizelos during the history of three or four thousand years.

The principles upon which the Allies desired a settlement of this war were plain and clear. They were these: First, the principle of nationality that every people and race, so far as was possible, should be placed under the Government which it desired, and not under an unsympathetic Government—(Cheers).

To give the effect of that principle was admittedly difficult, and it was nowhere more difficult than in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. They might at least count on this, that States created or re-established there would observe the principles of tolerance and of good feeling, and would inflict no disabilities either in respect of education, language, or religion, upon any of their fellow subjects who might form the minority.

They also hoped and intended to follow the principle of freedom, so that there might be no further display of the grasping and unfair spirit which had led to the present war, or any possibility of foreign domination from the north over any of these peoples—(Cheers).

Mr. Venizelos said that the victory of the Allies would mean the triumph of the organisation of democratic nations. They might well be proud that democratic institutions had stood the hardships of war so well.

## CURE THAT COUGH.

When you have a troublesome cough, it does not mean that you have consumption or that you are going to have it, but it does mean that your lungs are threatened and it is just as well to be on the safe side and get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy before it is too late. For sale by all Chemists and Grocers.

## HONEYMOON TRIP ENDS IN GRIEF.

The honeymoon and wedding journey of J. Gookin, the 23-year-old son of a well-to-do Cantonese merchant of Honolulu, ran into tragedy in the United States Court for China at Shanghai when the young Chinese was sentenced to a year's imprisonment in Bilibid (Manila) for grand larceny from the Sincere stores there. When he goes to serve his term in Manila, says the *China Press*, he leaves a girl wife and a two-month-old baby to proceed on their way alone to the Hawaiian home which they have never seen.

Gookin, whose Chinese name is Jaung Lee, was born in Honolulu, hence coming under American citizenship. He was given a good education in the Hawaiian schools and when it came time for him to think of marrying, his father decided that he should return to Canton to take a wife. The marriage was arranged through the father's brother in the South China port and some fourteen months ago the young man left to meet his bride. He was given \$4,000 in gold for the trip.

The marriage rites accomplished, the story runs, the newly-wedded couple spent some months in Canton visiting with the young man's relatives, and then started home via Shanghai, where others of the Cantonese merchant's kinsmen have the home. The couple arrived here several months ago and there was some delay about the securing of a passport for the remainder of the trip. Meanwhile funds ran low. Two months ago the baby arrived. The family moved into two small rooms on North Seachuan Road. Then the funds ran out entirely.

On the night of December 31 the watchman on the roof of the Sincere stores building at Nanjing and Kwang Road heard a noise on one of the floors below. Descending the outside staircase and peering through the grating into the upper story, he saw the glare of a match. He went across to the adjoining building and called the manager. Another watchman was called in and the trio began a floor by floor search of the store building.

They found a young man crouching beneath a counter on the top floor and near by two satchels, one already packed with about \$1,000 worth of merchandise, including watch chains, carved ivory and fancy bric-a-brac. Jaung Lee had secreted himself in the building before it closed in the evening and had hoped to make his escape when the doors opened in the morning.

After his arrest Jaung's relatives in Shanghai, said to be Christians, Chinese, cast him off entirely. A curt letter told him that he had disgraced the family and must bear the consequences. One of his kinsmen sent an emissary to the American jail to say that the prisoner's wife and child would be cared for temporarily.

As to his wife and baby, Jaung told the Court, he was expecting \$300 from his father, which would provide for them. For himself, he pleaded guilty to the charge against him.

## THE COURT CARDS.

The Court Cards repeated their Saturday night's programme last evening at the Theatre Royal and each item received its full measure of applause.

Mr. Edgar Warwick again scored a success in his humorous reminiscences of a sailor's journey to the Pole, in which he was ably assisted by Mr. George Titchener and Mr. Alberts Keats. Miss Dorothy Grace, Miss Vio Parsons and Miss Rosina Palmerston sang in concerted numbers and also gave individual items in their well-known excellent style, and they were particularly good in the item, "When Peace is Declared," in which they were joined by the male members of the Company.

To-night there will be a change of programme, and new and entertaining items may be confidently anticipated.

## HUNTING MOTHER-O-PEARL.

The favourite method of hunting mother-of-pearl in Torres Strait is by "dredge-diving" from loggers. The crew consists of a Japanese diver and tenders with Fly River Japans or Malays to work the craft and act as pump-boys. The loggers are nearly all built in Thursday Island to one model by Japanese, and are very fast. With the approach of the end of the wet season (April) stories for a month are placed aboard and sail is set for the grounds. Shell is scattered more or less plentifully all over the floor of Torres Strait, but there are recognised beds under the divers' hands according to wind and tide. When the divers descend the loggers do not anchor, but drift down the tide. The diver is usually the skipper, and as he stumbles along the seabed he directs by a system of flags and signals of his life-line, the movements of his craft. As he finds the shells he places them in a basket which holds about 12 of full size. When by reason of a sandbank or reef the end of the drift is reached, the vessel beats to windward in a position suitable for another drift. It is in this time that the speed of the loggers counts, as slow-footed craft would miss a big share of the tide. Under existing arrangements the pearls are the property of the divers. Good stones are occasionally caught after. The pearls are regarded as "swimming," or naked-diving, in water of five fathoms or less. The hunters search the bottom as long as they can hold their breath. A weak regulation is a warning: "Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails to cure quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Grocers."

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (R.).

MUSKETRY, PART I, CORRECTION. With reference to Orders of January 21st and 22nd, the men required to fire on Sunday, January 27th, are the men of No. 2 Company (and not of No. 2 Platoon) who have not yet fired.

PARADES, CENTRAL, 5.30 P.M. The following units will parade under the D.S.P. at Central Station on the dates mentioned. Helmets to be worn. Inspectors will carry awards.

Monday, January 28th—Whole of No. 1 Company.

Wednesday, January 30th—Whole of No. 2 Company.

Thursday, January 31st—Whole of No. 2 Company and Ambulance (with stretchers).

INSPECTORS AND SERGEANTS. All Inspectors and Sergeants (including Bandmaster and Crown Sergeant in charge of Drummers) will attend at Headquarters Club at 8.45 p.m. on Thursday, January 31st.

Monday, January 29th—Band Practice.

Tuesday, January 30th—Band Practice.

## CRIMP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to Crimp. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when domestic peace is usually placed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on hand. It never fails to cure quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Grocers.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## MR ROBERT HO TUNG AND THE SPECIAL WAR TAX.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Dear Sir,—Pursuant to my undertaking to pay over to War Charities all refunds of the Special War Tax made by my tenants, please be so kind as to accord me space in your columns for acknowledgment of the following in respect of the Fourth Quarter of 1917:—

Fung Tung Kee Firm	\$30.45
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Compagnie	28.77
To Yan Kun Firm	23.10
The Tenants of Nos. 41 and 43 Connaught Rd. Central (2nd floors)	15.00
C. H. P. Hay, Esq.	31.50
A. R. Raworth, Esq.	27.84
W. Tooke, Esq.	10.50
J. H. Rutledge, Esq.	8.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$170.52</b>

I would like to add that a cheque for the above total amount of \$170.52 has been forwarded to the Hon. Mr. E. B. Hallifax, Hon. Secretary of the War Charities Fund, for disposal as the War Charities Committee may determine.

Yours faithfully,

R. HO TUNG.

## FIRE ON A SHIP AT KOBE.

## FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

A fire broke out on the Danish ship *Columbia*, while lying in Kobe harbour on the 11th inst. Twenty tons of lubricating oil, 688 bottles of acetic acid and other cargo were destroyed. The damage, says the *Kobe Herald*, is expected to amount to an enormous sum. The cause of the fire is attributed to the acetic acid. The steamer arrived here from Singapore on the 7th with 9,000 tons of cargo consisting of acetic acid, lubricating oil, iron plates and tubes and curios.

An enquiry is being held, as there is reason to suspect foul play, and traces of a bomb are said to have been discovered.

## NEVER TRUST A HUN.

## SOUTHAMPTON HARBOUR PILOT IN KAISER'S NAVY.

"You can't throw a cow cover over a horse and expect to get milk in the morning," declared Mr. F. M. S. Fisher, the New Zealand statesman, at Manchester University in the course of a strong appeal against trusting the Germans.

In the school at which he was educated were two younger boys, sons of naturalised Germans. At the outbreak of war both offered their services to the New Zealand Forces and were refused. One of them came to England, where he was accepted. He had a very extraordinary career. He started off by winning the Military Cross, and gained other honours.

The other boy was then accepted in the New Zealand Forces. He went from New Zealand to France, stayed there a little while then deserted and went over to the enemy, to whom he gave away his own positions!

"Before the war," Mr. Fisher added, "if you wanted a pilot in a great harbour like Southampton you got a German. He was the authority in this country on Southampton; he is in the German Navy at the present moment, and is able to direct German submarines."

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D.S.P. (R.).

MUSKETRY, PART I, CORRECTION. With reference to Orders of January 21st and 22nd, the men required to fire on Sunday, January 27th, are the men of No. 2 Company (and not of No. 2 Platoon) who have not yet fired.

PARADES, CENTRAL, 5.30 P.M. The following units will parade under the D.S.P. at Central Station on the dates mentioned. Helmets to be worn. Inspectors will carry awards.

Monday, January 28th—Whole of No. 1 Company.

Wednesday, January 30th—Whole of No. 2 Company.

Thursday, January 31st—Whole of No. 2 Company and Ambulance (with stretchers).

INSPECTORS AND SERGEANTS. All Inspectors and Sergeants (including Bandmaster and Crown Sergeant in charge of Drummers) will attend at Headquarters Club at 8.45 p.m. on Thursday, January 31st.

Monday, January 29th—Band Practice.

Tuesday, January 30th—Band Practice.

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